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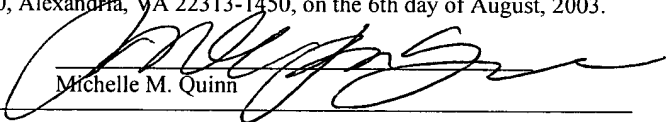
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 6, 2003, Applicants hereby request entry of the following election. A Five (5) Month Extension of Time to and including August 6, 2003 is hereby requested. A check in the amount of \$1,970.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group IV, claims 36 and 37 drawn to a method for determining whether complete building blocks of a query sequence match the complete building blocks of a polysaccharide, classified in class 707, subclass 6.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected to prosecute Group IV with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that a search and examination of all of the presented claims would not require an undue burden of searching. Furthermore, Applicants note that Group II, claims 28-34, which are drawn to a method for determining whether

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